Caldwell Memorial

Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, N.C.

A HISTORY
1912 - 1964

C285.09
C47c
c. 2

THE LIBRARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AT CHAPEL HILL

THE COLLECTION OF
NORTH CAROLINIANA
ENDOWED BY
JOHN SPRUNT HILL
CLASS OF 1889

C285.09
C47c
c. 2

UNIVERSITY OF N.C. AT CHAPEL HILL
00020336897

This book may be kept out one month unless a recall notice is sent to you. It must be brought to the North Carolina Collection (in Wilson Library) for renewal.

Form No. A-369

C285.09
C47c
c 2

DEDICATION

This history is gratefully dedicated to our organization of women, the WOMEN OF THE CHURCH. Throughout the years their devotion to the cause of Christ, their unstinted desire to accomplish their goals, and their outstanding leadership in all phases of church life have been a source of inspiration and pride to all of us.

Alfred B. Montgomery, Ph.D., Pastor

STAFF

Miss Summers Tarlton . . . . . Director of Christian Education
Mrs. W. P. T. Mills . . . . . Church Secretary
Julian Helms . . . . . Minister of Music
Mrs. Bruce Trull . . . . . Organist and Director of Youth Choirs
Mrs. R. V. Mason. . . . . Director, Weekday Kindergarten
Mrs. J. J. Riley . . . . . Teacher, Weekday Kindergarten
Mrs. A. L. Scott . . . . . Hostess
Vernon McRae . . . . . Custodian
Edward Wallace . . . . . Assistant Custodian

OUR MISSIONARY RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. & Mrs. J. R. Blandau . . . . . Taiwan
Mr. & Mrs. John Pritchard . . . . . Africa
Miss Margaret Pritchard . . . . . Korea
Rev. & Mrs. J. A. McAlpine . . . . . Japan
Rev. & Mrs. Sherwood Taylor . . . . . Brazil

Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1601 E. Fifth St., Charlotte, N. C.

CHARTER MEMBERS

of

CALDWELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Originally Knox Presbyterian Church)

Mrs. Alice Alexander
Cecil Alexander
Mrs. E. P. Allen
Dr. & Mrs. J. A. Austin
Dr. & Mrs. F. D. Austin
Mrs. J. L. Austin
Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Austin

Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Baker
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Brambles

Mr. & Mrs. D. G. Calder
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Carr, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Collins
Miss Minnie Conyers
Miss Hilda Conyers
Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Conyers

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. DeLaney
Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Dodenhoff

Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Goodman

Miss Mary Henderson
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Henderson
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Howell
Betty S. Howell
Mrs. G. C. Huntington
W. B. Huntington
H. W. Hutchinson

Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Love
Miss Hazeline Love
Miss Susie Love
Mr. G. Love

Mr. E. Y. McLelland
Mr. & Mrs. Frank R. McNinch

Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Price

Mr. J. P. Quarles
Mr. M. B. Query

Mrs. A. K. Ridgeway
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Robinson

Mrs. W. M. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Straub

Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Thies
Mr. & Mrs. G. O. Thies
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Thompson
Mr. C. A. Torrence
Mr. Robert Torrence
Mrs. Margaret Torrence
Miss Laura Torrence
Mr. W. H. Torrence
Mr. & Mrs. Morris E. Trotter

Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Weddington
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Wilson
Mrs. M. West
Miss Viola West

Mr. Willis M. Yandle
Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Young
Mr. A. L. Young
Mr. A. C. Young

HISTORY OF CALDWELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZATION AND EARLY YEARS

The first movement toward the organization of the present Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church was taken in March, 1912. Eighty residents of the Elizabeth section of the growing city met in the auditorium of the Elizabeth College and petitioned the Presbytery to appoint a commission to organize them into a Church.

On April 4, 1912, the commission appointed by Presbytery met at Elizabeth College. Morris E. Trotter, A.M. Young and W. E. Price were elected and installed as Elders. W.M. Smith, O. J. Thies, J. L. DeLaney, H. H. Straub, and J. P. Quarles were elected and installed as Deacons. The first regular preaching service was held on May 19, 1912, in the Elizabeth College auditorium, this being the old portion of the present Presbyterian Hospital and part of the original Elizabeth College. A lot was purchased at the corner of East Fifth Street and Park Drive at the cost of $3,000, the present site of the Church. A small frame building was erected for temporary quarters and the name "Knox Presbyterian Church" was selected for the new group in honor of John Knox, noted Scottish preacher and reformer.

The First Church Building

On October 27, 1912, Rev. R. E. Hough of the Chalmers Memorial A.R.P. Church of Charlotte was called as Pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry on November 10 of that same year. At the close of the first year of its existence, the Session reported to Presbytery that 34 members had been received by letter and 23 by profession of faith, making a total membership of 130.

Early Session records described Dr. Hough as a "man who is an earnest, zealous Christian, a servant of the Master in every sense, a man of earnestness, an able preacher filled with the Spirit, a pastor highly recommended by all churches of his former pastorates as one of the best pastors they ever had. His wife is all that is to be desired of a pastor's wife; a co-worker with him in all the church's activities, and a lovely Christian character."

The first permanent building, known as the Sunday School Building; was completed and the first service held there on September 20, 1914, the cost being about $14,000.

First marriage in the new church was that of Bonnie Alice Austin and George Henry Petteway, September 23, 1914.

First permanent building known as the Sunday School Building. This building was also used for Church Services.

Sunday School officers and teachers April 7, 1913 were: W. E. Price, Superintendent; H. W. Glasgow, Assistant Superintendent; D. G. Calder, Secretary and Treasurer; T. M. Carr, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; W. B. Hodge, Librarian; Mrs. L. W. Austin, Organist; Miss Bonnie Austin, Assistant Organist; Mrs. W. E. Trotter, Superintendent Cradle Roll; Mrs. Rose Thompson, Home Department. Teachers - Class #1, Miss Mabel Trotter; Class #2, Mrs. T. M. Carr; Class #3, Miss Hilda Conyers; Class #4, Mrs. D. G. Calder; Class #5, Miss Bonnie Austin; Class #6, Mrs. L. W. Austin; Class #7, Mrs. J. H. Howell; Class #8, Mrs. J. W. Baker; Class #9, Mrs. W. E. Ridgeway; Class #10, Mr. H. W. Collins; Class #11, Mr. H. W. Glasgow; Class #12, Rev. G. C. Huntington.

Church organization as of April 7, 1913 was as follows: Clerk of Session - A. M. Young; Organist - Mrs. J. P. Quarles; Assistant organist - Mrs. W. E. Price; Music Committee - Mrs. J. P. Quarles, Mrs. W. E. Price and Mr. A. M. Young. Directors of Alexander Rescue Home - Mrs. W. E. Price and John M. Watson. Ushers - H. S. Dodenhoff, J. P. Quarles, D. G. Calder and C. J. Hutchison.

In October, 1916, Rev. Hough resigned his pastorate after four years of faithful service. At the close of his pastorate, the membership of the church was 259, with a Sunday School enrollment of 212.

In December, 1917, the Church called Rev. G. Fisher Bell from Florence, Alabama. Rev. Bell accepted the call and began his duties immediately, preaching his first sermon to the congregation on December 17, 1917 and being installed on January 14, 1918.

In March, 1922, largely through the efforts of Dr. Bell, the Church was favored with a gift of $50,000 from Mrs. Sallie Caldwell White as a memorial to her parents, David A. and Martha A. Caldwell. The name of the church was changed to "Caldwell Memorial" as of April 1, 1922 to comply with the terms of the gift. The new edifice was finished in December, 1922, which is the present sanctuary. Dedicatory services were held December 17, 1922. The membership at this time numbered 525 with a Sunday School enrollment of 612.

Interior view of the Sanctuary

The following resolutions were submitted by a special committee and were adopted and ordered recorded:

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father has greatly blessed us in enabling the erection of a beautiful, commodious and comfortable house of worship, now completed, dedicated and in use, and

WHEREAS, the successful construction and furnishing of this building has been supervised and directed to its happy completion by the wise and unstinted services of the Building Committee composed of W. E. Price, George B. Chapman, D. G. Calder, M. B. Query, and E. R. Smith, together with the builders, the Thies-Smith Realty Company, under the personal supervision of Mr. O. J. Thies,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Session on behalf of the congregation that we express to these brethern our grateful thanks for the fine judgment and discretion and unsparing labors with which they have served this congregation, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Session and read to the congregation when next assembled for public worship.

S. B. McPheeters)
Morris E. Trotter) Committee

Adopted by the Session this January 8, 1923.
Morris E. Trotter, Clerk

June 24, 1923, the Manse at 10 Travis Avenue was exchanged for the residence of Frank F. Jones at 108 Park Drive, adjacent to the Church property. This remained the Manse until 1952 when a new manse was constructed at 2638 Hampton Avenue, at a cost of approximately $30,000.

Manse at 108
Park Drive
Charlotte, N. C.

Present Manse at
2638 Hampton Ave.
Charlotte, N. C.

March 31, 1924, the Sunday School enrollment was 681 and Church membership 632.

Dr. Bell resigned his pastorate in February 1926. Under the guidance of Dr. Bell, who was greatly beloved by all, the Church more than doubled its membership and gifts, completing a large building program.

In July 1927, a call was extended to Dr. Charles R. Nisbet of Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Resolutions were adopted by his former Church, expressing their sincere appreciation for the work of Dr. and Mrs. Nisbet. These resolutions are a part of the Session records of Caldwell Church. Under his leadership the Church continued to grow with a membership in 1932 of 942 and a Sunday School nearly as large. In 1930 total gifts for all causes reached an approximate sum of $25,000. Dr. Nisbet served the Church for nearly 15 years, resigning April 1, 1942 because of ill health. His last sermon was preached Sunday, March 29, 1942 and death came June 26, 1943.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

An invitation was extended to all Presbyterian ministers in the city and their congregations and to all members and former members of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church to attend its Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, 1937. A very delightful and inspiring program was arranged for the two days in which our two former pastors, Dr. R. E. Hough and Dr. G. F. Bell participated along with Dr. Nisbet.

This was a great Home Coming event and also marked the tenth anniversary of Dr. Nisbet's pastorate. As a part of the services the cornerstone of the present structure was opened and a program of the services placed in it.

OUTREACH THROUGH EVANGELISM

Throughout the years our Church has participated and cooperated in evangelistic endeavors, both denominational and interdenominational. Session records indicate that on October 21, 1923 a letter was read from Dr. Albert Sidney Johnston, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte asking that a committee be appointed to represent our Church at a general conference of local churches to prepare for the Billy Sunday Evangelistic Campaign. Elder Chapman was appointed to accompany the pastor.

March 10, 1926 Caldwell Church spearheaded a movement to have Gypsy Smith, Jr. hold a revival in the eastern section of Charlotte. The revival was held May 1-22, 1927.

February 1, 1937 the Session voted to cooperate in every way possible with the Gypsy Smith Campaign Committee, the meeting was to be held in the city auditorium March 7-21, 1937.

Dr. Nisbet himself was a very popular evangelist. During his ministry in Charlotte he was constantly in demand to hold revivals throughout the city, presbytery and even in other states. The Session was always very cooperative in granting Dr. Nisbet leave of absence to hold these meetings.

HIGH STANDARDS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

In the twenties and thirties records recall that Christian morals and Sabbath observance were held in high regard by the Session. May 7, 1928 Elder McPheeters reported on reviewing a play presented by The Carolina Playmakers at the Central High School auditorium. The title of the play was "A Shotgun Splicin." The Session agreed that the play was not suitable and decided to call the attention of the Charlotte Ministerial Association to the matter for appropriate action.

April 13, 1930 a resolution was passed by the Session authorizing Dr. Nisbet to make protest to the City Park Commissioners concerning permitting the playing of tennis in the parks on the Sabbath.

Church officers were counseled by letter and personal interview for not attending regular monthly meetings.

June 4, 1947 the Session agreed to ask for volunteers to assist in getting people to the polls on June 14 to vote against the establishment of ABC stores in Mecklenburg County.

May 4, 1931 in view of the increasing violation of the Sabbath day, Dr. Nisbet was requested to preach a sermon at the morning service May 24th on observance of the Sabbath.

BIBLE TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Since the inception of the Bible Teaching in the Public Schools program in 1925 our Church has been a loyal supporter and leader. Records show that Mrs. Janet Allen Bryant was the first teacher. May 2, 1932 Elder M. W. Woodside reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Committee on Bible in the Public Schools of our city and that Caldwell Church was commended for its interest in the cause and the prompt remittance of amounts pledged to its support. This program has continued to expand through the years. At the present time there are 5 teachers of Bible in the public schools of the city and county, including one of our own members, Miss Cornie Rivere, a teacher at Myers Park High School.

DR. C. G. McCLURE BEGINS HIS PASTORATE

On October 19, 1942 a call was extended to Dr. Charles G. McClure of Third Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La. He accepted and was installed November 8, 1942. He resigned August, 1956 to accept a call to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During his wonderful pastorate and guidance the membership reached an all-time high of 1150 in 1949. An all-time high of contributions for all causes was reached the year ending March 31, 1952:

Current Expenses	$51,523.00
Benevolences	86,938.00
	$138.461.00

Charles Goddard McClure was born in Albany, Georgia January 4, 1907. He was married to Miss Henrietta Wooten of Shellman, Georgia on August 31, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have three fine sons, Charles Goddard Jr., Robert Crittenden and Mercer Lewis.

Mr. McClure received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee in 1927 and the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Columbia Seminary in 1930. He was ordained July 4, 1930 by Red River Presbytery, Synod of Louisiana.

Mr. McClure's first pastorate was the Winnsboro group of churches, Red River Presbytery. He was pastor of the church at Homer, Louisana from 1930-1938. May 27, 1946, King College, Bristol, Tennessee conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

A man of strong conviction, Dr. McClure was conservative in his faith and sound in doctrine. He believed the Bible to be the infallible word of God and never hesitated to defend his faith as he had opportunity. A very kind man with a gentle disposition, his ministry was characterized by dignity and sincerity. During his ministry at Caldwell six young men entered the ministry and one young woman chose the teaching of Bible as her profession.

CHURCH PLANT CONTINUES TO EXPAND

October 14, 1928 a congregational meeting approved plans to enlarge the Sunday School plant; namely, a two-story brick veneered building to be erected at the rear of the Sunday School Annex at a cost of $11,000.

May 22, 1949, the Church voted to name the recently completed educational building the William Edgar Price Educational Building, in honor of W. E. Price, a charter member, Elder, and motivating leader in the Church since its organization. This building was completed at a cost of approximately $75,000 and gave us much needed classroom space.

In the fall of 1958, with the help of a generous contribution from Mrs. William Henry Belk, the Sanctuary and Chapel were air conditioned. This fulfilled a great need and we shall be eternally grateful for the comfort we experience from it.

June 28, 1959 the congregation voted to construct a recreation and fellowship building at the rear of the Church on the site of the former manse. Rev. Blake Breitenhirt, a Presbyterian minister from Asheville, N. C. was engaged to organize and help with the financial campaign to raise a building fund of $125,000 for the new building and much needed repairs to the present plant.

A kick-off dinner was held at St. John's Baptist Church because we did not have sufficient space to accommodate approximately 400 who attended. Through the generous financial support of Mrs. W. H. Belk and her son, Mr. John Belk, we were able to complete the building debt-free. The cost, including equipment, was approximately $60,000. The hall will seat about 400 and has complete gym facilities. The Building Committee included:

J. E. Templeton, Chairman
John M. Belk
F. C. Hobson
F. R. Thies
E. J. Lyerly
W. E. Price
A. W. Porter

The building was named the W. H. Belk Fellowship Hall in honor of the late William Henry Belk, Elder, Merchant, Philanthropist.

Total value of present Church property is estimated at $332,000.00

Belk Fellowship Hall

A FIRE BUG STRIKES

In May 1952, we experienced our first and only fire. A mentally incompetent girl, about 12 years old, gained access to the church building and set fire to the choir robes. The fire immediately spread to other areas of the sanctuary causing damage in excess of $40,000. We were very fortunate in that the damage was completely covered by insurance. The organ had just been completely overhauled and the fire necessitated our having this work done again at the cost of over $6,000.

Church services were shifted to the Elizabeth School Auditorium about a half block from the church. About six months passed before we were able to have services in the Sanctuary.

Prior to the fire, plans were under way to add a choir rehearsal room and Session room on the upper level and two spacious Sunday School rooms on the lower level at the rear of the Sanctuary. By combining these contracts we were able to complete all this work for a little over $66,000. Adding to the beauty of the newly decorated Sanctuary was beautiful new red carpeting, installed at a cost of over $5,000. In addition to this, a heavy red velvet dossal was hung on the back wall of the choir loft which greatly enhanced the beauty of the Sanctuary. At the same time, new lantern-type lighting fixtures were installed as were recessed spot lights in the ceiling.

CHURCH EXTENSION

One of the greatest areas of accomplishment of Caldwell Church has been in the field of Church Extension. In 1925, the Men of the Church started a Sunday School in the Oakhurst section. During the 1940's and 1950's we employed a full-time mission pastor. These included Rev. C. A. Harper, Rev. Henry L. Reeves and Rev. John A. Carriker.

July 8, 1940 a building committee was appointed by the Session to look into the matter of a new building for our Commonwealth Avenue Mission. This mission grew into the present Commonwealth Presbyterian Church.

November 9, 1942 we took over the Briar Creek Mission and Mr. Reece Little was elected Superintendent of Sunday School for this mission. Mr. and Mrs. Little worked at this chapel for five years, which developed into the present Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Rev. C. A. Harper, our chapel minister, began work in the Piedmont Courts section. This mission was organized into the present Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church November 11, 1945.

February 18, 1946 our Church voted to sponsor a chapel being built in the Sunset Hills community. This chapel developed into one of our stronger churches, Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church. We also sponsored the Morris Field Chapel which was organized into a church May 2, 1948 and South Park Presbyterian Church. Financial assistance was given to the Amy James Mission which is now an organized Presbyterian Church.

Much credit for the establishment of new churches and missions goes to the late William Henry Belk who was always ready to give financial assistance.

DR. A. B. MONTGOMERY BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

January 13, 1957, Dr. Alfred B. Montgomery was called from Tazewell Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, Virginia.

Dr. Montgomery is a native of Lodi, Virginia and is the son of Mrs. A. B. Montgomery and the late Rev. A. B. Montgomery of Richmond. His mother still resides in Richmond, Virginia. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond, and Union Theological Seminary. He studied at New College, University of Edinburgh, where he received his Ph. D degree in 1953. While studying in Scotland he was pastor of Greenbank Parish Church. Dr. Montgomery is married to the former Elizabeth Catherine Wright of Edinburg, Scotland. They have one daughter, Anne Donaldson and one son, Andrew.

During Dr. Montgomery's pastorate many changes have been instituted. The membership territory has been divided into 27 districts with an Elder and Deacon in charge of each district. The Elder and Deacon are responsible for visiting members in their district and for reporting to the Pastor any information or circumstances requiring his attention.

In 1962 Dr. Montgomery was honored by being selected as a Presbyterian pastor on a local TV panel program "Pastors Face Your Question." The panel consists of pastors of the leading denominations in the City who answer questions sent in by TV listeners.

In the fall of 1963, Dr. Montgomery was elected Moderator of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

In April 1962, Caldwell Memorial celebrated its 50th anniversary. On Friday evening, April 6, a banquet was held in the new Belk Fellowship Hall. Invitations were issued to all members, former members and friends. About 400 attended this occasion which was one of the most outstanding and heart-warming events ever held at Caldwell Church.

Our first pastor, Dr. R. E. Hough and his wife were flown from Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Hough was 89 years old and still serves as a supply pastor. This event honored living charter members: Mrs. F. D. Austin, Mrs. L. W. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Mrs. John W. Wilson, Mr. A. L. Young and also 50 year members W. F. Boyte, Willis M. Yandle, and Mrs. Bonnie Austin Petteway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snell were recognized as having attended Caldwell Church since its organization, although they did not transfer their membership until after the charter list was closed. At the time of this celebration they had been married 66 years and were still faithful attendants at both Sunday School and Church services.

The birthday celebration was presided over by Jack O. Boyte. A huge birthday cake with 50 candles was cut.

Dr. Hough preached at the morning service Sunday, April 8, 1962. His voice was still firm and steady, and his sermon was an inspiration and challenge to the congregation that filled the church. While attending the celebration Dr. and Mrs. Hough were the guests of Mrs. Bonnie Austin Petteway.

The Hall was beautifully decorated, the traditional gold color scheme being carried out. Each lady received a yellow corsage.

Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet

CALDWELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PROGRAM

Invocation . . . . . Dr. A. B. Montgomery

DINNER

Birthday Cake . . . . . Mr. W. E. Price
Anniversary song . . . . . Mrs. G. H. Petteway
Greetings from Pastors . . . . . Mr. P. H. Cooper
Church History . . . . . Mr. P. H. Cooper
Introduction of Dr. Hough . . . . . Mr. J. O. Boyte
Presentation . . . . . Dr. R. E. Hough
Charter Members Certificates . . . . . Mr. W. E. Price
Special Recognitions
Future . . . . . Dr. A. B. Montgomery
Benediction . . . . . Dr. A. B. Montgomery

Anniversary Song by Mrs. Bonnie Austin Petteway:

PRAISE OUR GOD

For the love our God hath given us
Our hearts are grateful - warm
His guiding love has ever led us
Into realms of earthly charm

For the wonders of creation
For the wisdom of God's care
For the unsought blessings given us
We feel joy and no despair

When we sought Him when we were troubled
He has seen us safely through
And His fifty years of guidance
Shows us what God's love can do

CHORUS

Praise our God, the Lord of Heaven
Praise our God, the Lord of earth
Praise our God, our Lord, our Father
For His blessings since our birth.

CHOIR

Mrs. J. B. Henry
Mrs. W. F. Strickhouser
Mr. W. E. Price
Mrs. P. H. Cooper - Pianist

ORCHESTRA

Julian W. Helms
Mae White
Carol Grooms
Mrs. C. R. Williamson - Accompanist

The committees making the Anniversary dinner a successful one are as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. K. C. Miller
Chairman

Mrs. J. O. Jones

Mr. M. M. Sistare

Mrs. J. O. Boyte

Mrs. W. E. Ranson, Jr.

Miss Summers Tarlton

Mrs. Bonnie A. Petteway
Co-Chairman

Mrs. O. J. Thies

Mr. W. E. Ranson, Jr.

Mrs. C. W. Poteat

Mrs. H. E. Lester

Mr. C. E. Morris

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs. C. W. Poteat

Mrs. L. E. McGinn

Mrs. W. F. Strickhouser

Mrs. Maude Snell

TREASURER - Mr. Hugh E. Lester

Corner of Craven Library

MEXICO CARAVAN

(From an article "A Mission Caravan with a Difference,")
by Mrs. A. B. Montgomery

One of the most unique experiences in the life of our Church occurred in July 1959. Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery had heard of the caravans of young people and others that had gone to Mexico to see at first-hand the work of our missionaries there and they longed for such an experience for our young people of Caldwell Memorial. To make such a journey in the accepted way - by plane or chartered bus and staying in hotels -- was out of the question for them as the expense would be prohibitive. Discussing the possibilities further, they thought of the wonderful vacations they had taken in recent years, camping in state parks, or using trailer parks the year a friend lent them a small house trailer. These vacations had not been costly and they certainly had been fun. Dr. Montgomery came to the conclusion that the only thing to do was to build a camping-trailer, a combination of trailer and tent. He started with a plan for a very small one he had seen in a magazine and expanded and modified it to suit the needs.

At first church members were a little skeptical of the possibilities of such a trip but interest increased gradually. The support for the project reached its peak when they announced that the cost would be one hundred dollars per person for food, lodging and transportation for a four-week period, which actually turned out to be five weeks.

The finished trailer, christened "Al's Ark", measured twenty by eight feet when closed and about five feet high. It opened to an amazing thirty-two by sixteen feet and had an interior height of a little more than six feet. All this space will sleep thirty but only twenty-two made the trip.

To pull the trailer Dr. Montgomery used his 1956 station wagon which also carried its full share of passengers. Dr. Montgomery drove and Mrs. Montgomery was relief driver. Lottie Jerkins, our Director of Christian Education, drove the church's 1959 station wagon with Mrs. Ralph Hoover as relief, and our student assistant, Bill Campbell, drove the church's 1948 station wagon which had been saved from retirement for this trip.

Until they reached Mexico City, their only contact with the church had been a brief visit to El Buen Pastor, the National Presbyterian Church in Monterrey. Bible School was in progress and the sanctuary looked very much American. In Mexico City, Mr. Edson Johnson, Business Manager of our Mexican Mission became their guide.

The visits to the church's publishing house, El Faro, and the fiesta of the Girl's Bible School were both enjoyable, the latter being

another lesson in the oneness of Christians. Our young people were much impressed with the way these girls set aside their natural shyness of strangers to make sure that the Caldwell group had a good time.

From Mexico City they went on to visit some of our mission stations and meet the outstanding people who staff them. Reaching some of the places was an adventure in itself. To get to the Bible School and experimental farm at Teloloapan they pitched and tossed over thirty-five miles of mountain road that can be called improved only if you are feeling very charitable. But the evening they spent there with Mrs. and Miss Love, Miss Pemberton and their work-and-worship community was well worth the effort to get there. This Bible School trains lay people in leadership and good farming practices so that they will be the means of strengthening their home churches when they return after two years' study. The group left there exhilarated. The song-fest after supper (an unexpected treat) had closed with the Mexicans proudly singing "How Great Thou Art", and when the caravaners joined in the second verse along with them, the resultant feeling of communion was overwhelming.

In Chilpancingo the visitors saw a different type of mission work under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLendon. Most of Mr. McLendon's work is done with audio-visual equipment. It was a surprise to learn that he shows not only religious subjects but also films on health, sanitation and agriculture. These, he says, are as much a part of missions as preaching the Gospel - they lay the foundation for the concept of Christian stewardship which alone can make the National Church completely self-reliant.

How proud our Women of the Church would be if they could see the fine new boys' hostel built in Chilpancingo with money from the 1957 Birthday Offering. The girls will get a new hostel too, but a site had to be acquired near the school so it would be safe for them to walk there.

Sanatorio 'La Luz' in Morelia was the last stop on the tour of missions. This hospital, in a flourishing and prosperous town, is accredited for internships by the Michoacan State University and for nursing by the National University of Mexico. Its primary interests are medical and educational, but because it is a mission hospital, everything it does contributes to the spreading of the Gospel, both directly and indirectly. Of the staff the group met Dr. Harvey Ross, Miss Iona Smith, and Miss Mary Kathryn McGee, all of whom took time out to minister to the needs of the caravan and to explain the work of the hospital.

Besides being more knowledgable about Mexico and our missions there, what did the group learn from the trip? Firstly, that faith in

Jesus Christ diminishes the differences of race and culture almost to vanishing point so that you can see your fellow human beings as people, as individuals with the same physical and emotional and spiritual needs as yourself. Secondly, that our giving to missions in no way comes up to the standard of "giving as the Lord has prospered us". Thirdly, that when we invest in missions in Mexico, we are investing in the future prosperity of that country. Said Benjamin Juarez, President of Mexico some one hundred years ago, "The future of Mexico lies with the Protestants."

"Al's Ark" on display before departure

At Presbyterian Mission Hospital Morelia, Mexico

HISTORY OF WOMEN'S WORK IN CALDWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

The first group of women to organize a society was composed of the charter members of Knox Presbyterian Church in 1912 with Mrs. D. G. Calder the first President. Rev. R. E. Hough was the pastor of the church and he and Mrs. Hough loyally supported the society in all its undertakings.

A second society was also organized and these two were: The Ladies Aid Society and The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. From 1912-1918 the women worked to make money to build the "Ladies Aid Hall", helped the Building and Loan Fund, and bought equipment for the Sunday School. They gave money to Home Missions and to Foreign Missions, sewed for Alexander Home and Barium Springs Orphanages, contributed to Associated Charities, Armenian Relief Fund and furnished a room at the Presbyterian Hospital which was called "Knox Presbyterian Church Hospital Room." They gave individual communion service to the church. Mrs. R. E. Hough, our pastor's wife at that time, and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allan were the Bible teachers.

In 1918, the women helped especially with the work done by all city churches at Camp Greene and also during this year the two societies were united to form the Woman's Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church with 93 women on roll and Miss Martha Bell was the first President.

In 1922 the name of the church was changed to Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, thus changing the name of the Auxiliary, and in 1930 two educational Scholarships were established.

In 1937 the 25th Anniversary of Caldwell Church was celebrated and the Auxiliary had one evening's program. At this time hymn books were presented to the Church.

Through the years the Women of the Church has grown and increased in numbers as well as the many fine tasks they have performed for the church, and is the most complete organization in our church.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The officers for the year 1963-64 are: President - Mrs. C. W. Burns, Vice-President - Mrs. A. B. Montgomery, Second Vice-President - Mrs. W. F. Strickhouser, Recording Secretary - Mrs. R. H. Crockford, Corresponding Secretary - Miss Mary Stafford, Treasurer - Mrs. H. W. Layton, Historian - Mrs. J. B. Rudisill.

Cause secretaries are: Annuities and Relief - Mrs. P. H. Cooper, Christian Education - Mrs. C. L. Brown, Church Extension - Mrs. A. W. Porter, General Fund Agencies - Mrs. R. F. Hoover; Spiritual Growth - Mrs. L. E. McGinn and Mrs. Grace Ramsay; Stewardship - Mrs. H. E. Lester; World Missions - Mrs. B. W. Fox.

Home Chairmen: Alexander Children's Center, Mrs. W. T. Dye; Barium Springs Orphanage, Mrs. R. S. Locklair; Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Mrs. L. S. Pitman.

Special Representatives: Church Hostess - Mrs. A. H. Scott; Flowers - Mrs. W. R. Little; Hospital - Miss Maude Patterson; Inter-Group - Mrs. Cleveland Beacham; Nursery - Mrs. Sammy E. Floyd; Pastor's Aid - Mrs. H. J. Rumple; Publicity - Mrs. William S. Kenyon; United Church Women - Mrs. W. E. Love.

Circle Chairmen: Circle No. 1 - Mrs. E. G. Fellows; Circle No. 2 - Mrs. H. J. Rumple; Circle No. 3 - Mrs. R. R. Patterson; Circle No. 4 - Mrs. H. L. Rast; Circle No. 5 - Mrs. R. M. Porter; Circle No. 6 - Mrs. F. B. Markey; Circle No. 7 - Mrs. F. E. Clinton; Circle No. 8 - Mrs. G. S. McKenzie; Circle No. 9 - Mrs. C. W. Poteat; Circle No. 10 - Mrs. J. B. Henry; Circle No. 11 - Miss Kathleen Ferguson; Circle No. 12 - Miss Maude Patterson; Circle No. 13 - Home Circle - Mrs. Maurice Dickson and Mrs. H. Y. Westmoreland.

Bible Moderators: Mrs. J. R. Craven, Miss Summers Tarlton, Mrs. A. H. Scott, Mrs. W. P. T. Mills, Mrs. A. B. Montgomery, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Mrs. R. B. Collins, Mrs. L. E. McGinn, Mrs. Grace Davis, Mrs. Bruce Trull, Miss Cornelia Riviere, and Mrs. James M. Yandle.

The Women of the Church who have received the high honor of a Life Membership are: Mrs. W. E. Price, Mrs. W. H. Belk, Mrs. Z. F. Grubbs, Mrs. George H. Petteway, Mrs. O. J. Thies, Mrs. J. W. Fraser (deceased), Mrs. A. H. Fraser (deceased), Mrs. Maude Erwin (deceased), Miss Connie Alexander, Mrs. J. M. Yandle, Mrs. C. R. Nisbet, Mrs. Mason Woodside, Mrs. E. W. Flowers, Mrs. J. A. McAdoo.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH ORGANIZATION, 1964

GENERAL OFFICERS: Ch. C. E. Committee - Mr. W. E. Price, Superintendent - Mr. A. H. Scott, Asst. Supt. - Mr. H. L. Graham, Treasurer - Mr. J. R. Craven, Asst. Treas. - Mr. W. C. Abernethy, Secretary - Miss Margaret Stafford, Librarian - Miss Genelle Erwin.

NURSERY DEPARTMENT: Nursery Roll - Mrs. H. E. Lester, Crib Room - Mrs. C. H. Newbold, Two Year Olds - Lead teacher Mrs. W. F. Strickhouser, Mrs. A. G. Locklair. Three Year Olds - Lead Teacher - Mrs. Russell Adkins, Mrs. Jack O. Boyte and Mrs. J. H. Helms.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT: Supt. - Mrs. R. V. Mason, Sec. Mrs. H. Y. Westmoreland. Teachers: Mrs. H. L. Graham, Jr., Mrs. J. J. Riley and Mrs. R. K. Walker.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Supt. - Miss Maude Patterson, Sec. - Mrs. Odell Lowder. Teachers: Mrs. Maurice Dickson, Mrs. Evelyn Huff, Mrs. Frances Pettus, Mrs. R. M. Porter, Miss Mary Stafford and Miss Grace Ann Todd.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: Supt. - Mrs. W. P. T. Mills, Asst. Supt. Mrs. H. L. Rast, Pianist - Mrs. H. L. Rast, Jr. Teachers: Mrs. L. N. Hood, Mrs. H. P. Todd, Mr. John McGill, Mrs. H. E. Thomason and Mrs. A. W. Porter.

JUNIOR HIGH (Pioneer) DEPARTMENT: Supt. - Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McCorkle. Teachers: Mr. C. G. Hill, Mr. C. H. Newbold and Mr. C. L. Brown.

SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT: Teachers: Mr. Charles Horne, Mr. R. E. Heffner, Miss Cornelia Riviere, Advisors - Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burt.

ADULT DIVISION: Supt. - R. Hollon Byrd, Jr.

HUNTINGTON CLASS: Teacher - Mr. R. V. Mason, Co-teacher - Mr. Julian Helms. Pres. - Mr. E. E. Christenbury, V. P. - Mr. F. B. Garrett, Sec. Mr. Fred Stephens.

RIDGEWAY CLASS: Teacher - Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Co-teacher - Mrs. J. M. Yandle, Pres. - Mrs. B. T. Hamer, V. P. - Mrs. R. L. Dorton, Sec. - Mrs. J. C. Bridges, Treas. - Mrs. C. E. Blanton.

STEADFAST CLASS: Teacher - Mrs. Thomas Allen, Co-teacher - Miss Louise Alexander. Pres. - Mrs. J. L. Ennis, V. P. Miss Sadie Smith, Sec. - Mrs. Margaret McComb, Treas. - Mrs. Ruth Baucom.

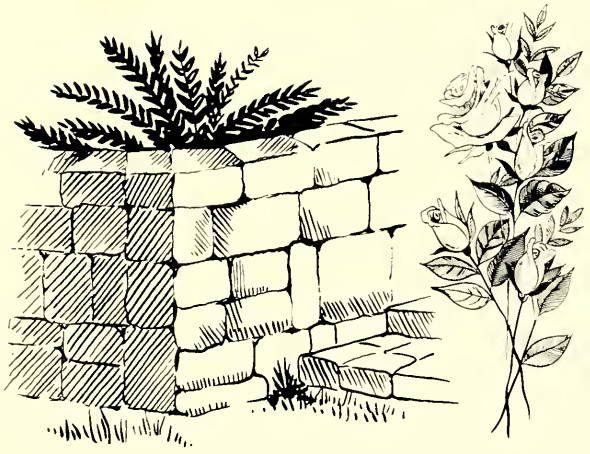
FELLOWSHIP CLASS: Teacher - Dr. J. J. Riley, Co-teacher - Mrs. J. R. Clark, Pres. - Mr. J. R. Ross, V. P. Mrs. George Kenyon, Sec. Mr. J. M. Corbett.

STRONGHOLD CLASS: Teacher - Mr. S. J. Harris, Co-teachers: Mrs. John Henderson and Mr. H. E. Thomason. Pres. - Mr. Max Baker, V. P. - Mr. Frank Sample, Sec. - Mrs. Nollie Oxidine, Treas. - Mr. Harry Hawkins.

YOUNG COUPLES: Teacher - Mr. P. H. Cooper, Co-teacher - Mr. Wm. Kenyon. Presidents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry.

YOUNG ADULTS: Teacher - Mrs. L. E. McGinn. Pres. - Charles Flora, V. P. - James Carriker, Sec. - Miss Carol Ann Riley, Treas. - Charles Sizemore.

Our Garden of Memories



The rose still grows beyond the wall,
Though now it's lost to view.
Behind the clouds that hang so low
The sun still lights the blue.
And back of all the shadows,
You know that it is true.
The thoughts of those who understand,
Are always there with you.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Bronze plaque at right entrance of main sanctuary given by Mr. Charles E. Morris with inscription:

CALDWELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Alfred Montgomery, Minister

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6: 33

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Charles E. Morris

* * * * * *

Memorial window in Junior Department (Guardian angel protecting a child)

Emma Ford Adams

December 12, 1914 - November 4, 1922

Given by her parents.

* * * * * *

Plaque on door of Young Adult Classroom reading:

YOUNG ADULT CLASSROOM

In Memory of

Frances Anne Todd

June 6, 1933 - July 26, 1951

* * * * * *

Triple Memorial Windows in west transept of main sanctuary with inscription:

Henry C. Dotger
1862 - 1936

Bertha M. Dotger
1861 - 1932

Given by H. C. Dotger

Brass plaque in main sanctuary inscribed:

CHARLES RICHARD NISBET, D.D.
1871 - 1943
Beloved pastor of this church
1927 - 1942

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

Given by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Price

* * * * * *

Brass plaque in main sanctuary inscribed:

G. FISHER BELL, D.D.
1877 - 1941
Beloved pastor of this church
1917 - 1927

FAITH WAS THE ANCHOR OF HIS SOUL

Given by Business Womens Circle

* * * * * *

250 copies of THE HYMNBOOK presented to Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church by Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Montgomery in memory of their deceased son,

HUGH CALDWELL MONTGOMERY

* * * * * *

Senior Chapel - Picture of Christ leading children, with inscription:

Dedicated to
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hatley
1954

Mr. and Mrs. Hatley were senior advisors and Mr. Hatley taught the seniors for several years.

* * * * * *

Lectern in Senior chapel with inscription:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LAURA BELLE TAYLOR CLARK, BY THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT OF CALDWELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Senior Chapel - Picture of Christ superimposed among people of all nations with inscription:

In memory of H. F. Carriker, Jr.
1934 - 1956

* * * * * * *

Lectern in Pioneer Chapel with inscription:

PRESENTED IN HONOR OF WILLIAM EDGAR PRICE
BY THE PIONEER DEPARTMENT

* * * * * *

Picture in Pioneer Chapel with inscription:

IN MEMORY
MR. ROY W. FERGUSON

A FAITHFUL TEACHER OF PIONEERS

* * * * * *

Silver flower urn with inscription:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Calvin Walker and Augusta Walker
1879 - 1933 1875 - 1935

Presented by their son, Irvin C. Walker

* * * * * *

Memorial tower bell located in belfry with inscription:

Presented to
Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church
by
Oliver Anderson Neel
as a memorial to his beloved wife
Margaret Wallace Neel
March 12, 1946

* * * * * *

Silver flower urn with inscription:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Edmund Burke Clarke, Sr.
1893 - 1948

Presented by Mary Q. Clarke, wife, Edmund B. Clarke, Jr., William A. Clarke, Alice E. Clarke, children.

Lectern in Huntington Bible Class with inscription:

Presented to Huntington Bible Class

Memorial lectern built by Mr. J. H. Haynes as a tribute of respect and love for the memory of his dear friend, teacher and brother in Christ, Rev. G. C. Huntington.

* * * * * *

CRAVEN LIBRARY

Named in honor of Elder J.R. Craven, Chairman of the Library Committee, for his diligent efforts in making the library a more useful medium of Christian education.

* * * * * *

Furniture in Beginner Department, consisting of Tables and Chairs, given by Mr. Charles E. Morris in memory of his wife.

* * * * * *

Pulpit and Communion Furniture, given by Mr. James M. Yandle when the sanctuary was constructed as a tribute to his wife who has served the Church so faithfully. For 25 years Mrs. Yandle was superintendent of the Primary Department.

* * * * * *

TOWER CHIMES

Played from the organ console. Bronze plaque in vestibule of Church inscribed:

THE CHIMES IN THIS CHURCH PRESENTED BY O.A. NEEL IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS SON, 1ST LT. WILLIAM F. NEEL, WHO FELL IN HIS PLANE OVER FRANCE, JANUARY 24, 1944.

* * * * * *

FORTY-ONE YEARS OF SCOUTING

In 1948, the Men's Fellowship Club of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church helped celebrate Troop 11's 25th birthday with an all-out observance to which all Scouts who ever wore the troop's insignia were invited. Dr. Roswell Long, former president of Lees-McRae College and member of the regional executive Scout committee as well as the National Boy Scout Council, made the address.

At the time of the 25th anniversary celebration, it was estimated that 600 boys from the Elizabeth section of Charlotte had been associated with the troop, now the oldest in operation in the Carolinas.

One of its most enviable records was the Eagle-a-Year mark which they preserved for many years. Their amazing attendance record, too, points to the quality of leadership the group has enjoyed.

For seventeen of the first 25 years, R. L. Price, then vice-president of the Mecklenburg Boy Scout Council, was troop leader. At the time of the 25th anniversary, E. E. Christenbury was Scoutmaster, assisted by H. J. Kennedy, John M. Belk and Graeme Fraser. The troop's first Scoutmaster in 1923 was George A. Newman, a former deacon in Caldwell Church, followed a year or so later by Forrest A. Hipp, another deacon. In 1926, Mr. Reginald Price took over the reins. Eight years later he gave way to Beaumert Whitton, a graduate of the troop, upon being named commissioner of the Council. After two years successful operation, Mr. Whitton resigned because of the press of business. Walter R. Herman took over for six months before Mr. Price again returned to the helm. Other Scoutmasters have included L. H. Morton, John Belk, Calvin Walker, J. V. Andrews, Jr., Richard Crockford and Sammy Floyd.

The first Mecklenburg county serviceman to die in World War II was Louis Dixon, a member of the troop.

Today, Cub Pack 11 is active and is a feeder to Boy Scout Troop 11. The pack has two dens, headed by Mrs. Madeline Heine and Mrs. Virginia Caldwell and also the Weblos. Mr. William M. Loyd is the Cubmaster with Tony Loman as assistant. John Votik is committeeman and secretary and Robert Hefner serves as institutional representative.

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

Rev. Gilbert Clark Huntington

The following was written by Dr. Charles R. Nisbet as a memorial to Rev. Gilbert Clark Huntington, a member of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, who died July 28, 1940:

The Rev. Gilbert Clark Huntington, 85 years of age, died at his home, 720 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., July 28, 1940, after an illness which confined him to his bed for several months.

Mr. Huntington was born at Bunker Hill, Illinois, October 18, 1854, where he received his early education. He was nationally known for his work with the Y. M. C. A., which he served for over forty years. Moving to Denver, Colorado, he served as Secretary of the Denver Y. M. C. A., and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1880. Following his work in the Denver Y. M. C. A., Mr. Huntington engaged in Mission pastorates at Brush and Fort Morgan, Colorado, where he served for seven years. He was called to the pastorate of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pueblo, Colorado, where he served six years, moving to Charlotte in 1899 to accept the position of General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He at once identified himself with Mecklenburg Presbytery, laboring in the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. for four years when he was made Interstate Secretary of North and South Carolina, serving in that capacity until 1921, when he became Associate Secretary until his retirement in 1926.

In 1912, Mr. Huntington organized the Men's Bible Class of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, teaching the class which now bears his name until declining health forced his retirement in 1930.

Mr. Huntington is survived by his wife, the former Miss Jane Anne Van Middlesworth of Waterloo, New York, to whom he was married October 23, 1878; two daughters, Mrs. Morris E. Trotter and Mrs. J. M. Townsend, both of Charlotte; two sons, J. B. Huntington of Wilmington, N. C. and W. B. Huntington of Asheville, N. C., eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted in Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church July 29, 1940, by Dr. Charles R. Nisbet, Pastor, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Beam, Superintendent of Presbyterian Hospital. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. M. Wilcox, D. L. Probert, J. H. DuBose, G. B. Chapman, Richard E. Thigpen, J. Wilson Smith. Honorary pallbearers were F. C. Abbott, M. B. Speir, Sr., P. S. Gilchrist, J. M. Harry, Dr. Stokes Monroe and the Elders of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Huntington's life was characterized by a pronounced, though unobtrusive, piety. An absolute confidence in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the Word of God. He loved the Bible, and made it the one textbook of his ministry, thereby coming into an unusual knowledge of its teachings. In him was seen in a preeminent degree the "fruits of the Spirit," -- Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness, and Self-control. When told by his Pastor that many people were inquiring and praying for him his reply was, "Tell them I am simply waiting for the Lord."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"A PRINCE IN ISRAEL HAS FALLEN"

* * * * *

REV. CHARLES R. NISBET, D.D.

The following memorial to Rev. Charles R. Nisbet, D. D. was ordered by the Session upon Dr. Nisbet's death June 26, 1943:

Rev. Charles Richard Nisbet, D. D. was born in Macon, Georgia, July 24, 1871 and was promoted to Glory June 26, 1943. The son of James Taylor Nisbet and Mary Seymour Nisbet, he came of distinguished Scotch ancestry.

Graduating from the University of Georgia, he opened a law office in Macon where he practiced law for about a year and a half. He answered the call of God to the ministry, closed his law office and entered Princeton Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1898 and was ordained by Macon Presbytery in the same year. He served churches at Bainbridge, Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, Nashville, Tennessee, Kansas City, Missouri, and Charlotte, N. C. until he retired about a year ago.

He came to Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1927 from the Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri, and was the beloved pastor of this church for nearly fifteen years.

Dr. Nisbet was married February 15, 1899 to Miss Ola Mai Jones of Toccoa, Georgia, who died in Charlotte in 1929. In 1931 he married Mrs. Freda Dotger Burch who survives him together with one son, Charles R. Nisbet, Jr. of Salisbury, N. C. and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Marty of Kansas City, Missouri; two step-daughters, Mrs. George P. Harris and Mrs. J. H. Sembower of Charlotte, N. C. and eleven grandchildren.

Dr. Nisbet was a great preacher. He loved to preach. Many times he has said to the writer that he love to preach; that he wanted to die "in harness;" that if the Lord would grant his request, he would wish to be called to Glory from behind the sacred desk. He was a preacher of the fundamental truths and doctrines as contained in the Holy Scriptures. He was a fundamentalist of the fundamentalists and loved to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation.

A man of prayer, he believed in prayer - in answered prayer. He had a fluency and intimacy in talking to the Heavenly Father that was convincing and beautiful in its sincerity.

A pastor, a friend, charming in manner, cheerful in demeanor, loyal to every high ideal, to God, and his church; kindly of purpose, sparing of criticism, his life was an inspiration, worthy to be followed by all who would achieve the highest measure of dynamic Christian character.

A Christian whose high character and radiant life served as an inspiration to others; whose loyalty to duty gave courage to the faithful, and whose charity and generosity were administered so modestly that few were aware of their extent; whose unquestioning faith and fundamental beliefs were a never failing answer to any who doubted, and whose devotion to the affairs of the church and community were wonderfully effective and useful.

"Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," he will be greatly missed, not only by this congregation, but by this great city in which he wielded so great an influence for righteousness. His Christ-like life, loyal service and devotion to church and state have left a deep and abiding impression upon the membership of this church and all who knew him.

The Session of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church wishes by these testimonials to express its sense of affection and loss; of its appreciation of his fifteen years of devoted service to the cause of Christ in this church, and also to extend to the family our deep and abiding sympathy.

The Session also directs that this memorial be read in the church and a copy sent to the family and published in the Christian Observer.

"Know ye not that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?"

"Let me die the death of the righteous and my last end be like His."

MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES

Thad A. Adams, Jr.

Bob Allen

Ellis A. Allen

F. Clyde Allen

Robert W. Allen

Jane Boyte Anderson

James V. Andrews, Jr.

O. F. Asbury III

O. F. Asbury

Ed. C. Austin

James Austin

James M. Baker

George W. Balch

George B. Barefoot

Willard Barefoot

William Crawford Barefoot

R. David Barnett

W. W. Barnett

Cleveland Beacham

Henderson Belk

Irvin Belk

John M. Belk

Thomas Belk

W. H. Belk, Jr.

David T. Berg

Paul Berg

Revel S. Berg

W. E. Black, Jr.

C. Everett Blanton, Jr.

Ralph W. Bostian

Harry Boyte

Jack O. Boyte

Robert Bunn

James M. Burnham III

R. Hollon Byrd, Jr.

John N. Calder

Everett C. Campbell

James E. Carriker

Geo. B. Chapman, Jr.

Harold Claiborne

E. B. Clark, Jr.

Hugh Cochrane

John Collins

Malcoln Collins

James R. Craven

K. R. Craven

Louis Crayton, Jr.

Billy Crenshaw

Richard Crockford, Jr.

William M. Crockford

Bill Crumley

C. Robert Cruse, Jr.

Bob Dorton, Jr.

Robert Dye

William Thomason Dye, Jr.

Jack Farris

Ralph H. Fleming, Jr.

Charles H. Flora

J. Graham Fraser

Harold Fredrickson

Wm. G. Fredrickson

C. Herbert Gill

David Howard Gill

Joseph Russell Gill

William R. Gill

Hartwell L. Graham, Jr.

Fred E. Gray

Harry Griffin

O. G. Grubbs

Bobbie Hackney

Raymond Haite

James I. Hardee

W. E. Hardee

Melvin O. Harris

John C. Hawkins

Margaret Blanton Hawkins

John F. Hazelton

Peter Hazelton

Robert E. Heffner

Samuel R. Hemby

Alvis E. Hendley, Jr.

John Rae Hipp

C. W. Hobbs, Jr.

Raymond V. Hood, Jr.

Robert B. Hood

William L. Hood

J. T. Hunter

William H. Hunter

Walker Eugene Hunter

John R. Irvin, Jr.

L. E. Johnson, Jr.

Thomas Sidney Johnson

W. W. Kale, Jr.

Julian Kennedy

George B. Kenyon

John R. Kenyon, Jr.

Don Killmer

C. M. Kissell

Harvey Layton, Jr.

James Layton

Adolphus G. Lentz, Jr.

J. E. Lentz

Thomas K. Lentz

O. Clarkson Lester

Hugh E. Lester, Jr.

Ray R. Lester

Quade C. Lester

William H. Lester

R. O. Linker

Z. V. Linker, Jr.

James G. Lipe

W. R. Little, Jr.

Archie G. Locklair

J. K. Locklair

James Reid Locklair

R. Sentelle Locklair

Wriston Locklair

Robert Long

C. Odell Lowder, Jr.

Francis B. Markey, Jr.

Neil Markey

Stiles Markey

Walter A. Martin, Jr.

Walter A. Martin

R. V. Mason

John M. Mc Gill, Jr.

Leighton Mc Ginn

David Mc Kenzie

Gaston S. Mc Kenzie, Jr.

Tommy Mc Kenzie

Harold Mc Millan

Spencer J. Michael

G. R. Miller

H. W. Miller

Wm. C. Miller, Jr.

Wyatt P. T. Mills, Jr.

John M. Moore

J. Chester Morrison

John C. Morrison

David L. Morton

John J. Morton, Jr.

Bernard C. Murdock

John Ormand, Jr.

Herbert W. Parker

James D. Peterson

Horace Pitman

Alfred W. Porter

C. B. Porter, Jr.

Dick Porter

C. W. Poteat

Earl Powers

Mack Powers

C. A. Prince

George Query

Harry L. Rast, Jr.

Henry L. Reaves, Jr.

H. L. Reeves

Gene Reynolds, Jr.

Alan H. Riley

David L. Riley

Dr. J. J. Riley

Morris Ritch, Jr.

James H. Ross

Robert Ross

J. Bryan Rudisill, Jr.

Claud Ruiter, Jr.

H. J. Rumple

Wm. F. Sample

Frank Sample, Jr.

John E. Schott

A. H. Scott

John A. Scott

Geo. H. Shelby

C. E. Shockley

Hoyt Shore

Eddie Sisson

M. M. Sistare

Billy Smith

Wm. M. Smith

Fred R. Stallworth

R. Douglas Starnes

Edna Staton

Robert W. Steagall

Robert W. Steagall, Jr.

Jack M. Stephens

R. H. Stephens

W. Fred Strickhouser, Jr.

Jack Stuart

Jack L. Stuart

Austin C. Thies

William J. Thrift, Jr.

Everett Thompson

Irby Todd

Wayne Todd, Jr.

Edna Torrence

C. R. Trimble

Edith Uhl

Cal Walker

D. T. Waller, Jr.

W. H. Walls

John W. Westmoreland

Richard L. Westmoreland

Thomas W. Westmoreland

Joseph W. Whitlock, Jr.

Louise W. Wickstead

Kenneth L. Williams

John Williford

Caldwell Wilson

Kenneth B. Wilson

George N. Wilson

John M. Wilson, Jr.

Robert Wilson

Robert G. Wilson

Henry Womack

Jack Wood

Jas. M. Yandle, Sr.

Jas. M. Yandle, Jr.

Stewart W. Yandle

Willis M. Yandle, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

James M. Burnham, III

James M. Burnham, III was the only World War II casualty from Caldwell Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Burnham, Jr., James received his commission in the United States Infantry upon graduation from N. C. State College in June, 1940. He received his wings at Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama, in January, 1943. Serving with distinction in the Pacific Theatre he flew forty-six missions, receiving the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Presidential Citation. He was killed in an airplane crash in the Philippines September 6, 1945. At the time of his death, James held the rank of Major in the U. S. Army Air Force.

The muffled drums sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo.
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.

No vision of the morrow's strife
The warrior's dream alarms.
No fraying horn or screaming fife
At dawn shall call to arms.

Your own proud land's heroic soil
Must be your fitter grave.
She claims from war his richest spoil
The ashes of the brave.

Rest on embalmed and sainted dead.
Dear as the blood you gave.
No impious footstep here shall tread
The herbage of your grave.

From ---"The Bivouac of the Dead" by Theodore O'Hara

WILLIAM EDGAR PRICE

SALESMAN FOR THE LORD

The following was extracted from an article printed in the Christian Advocate for July 26, 1956. Used by permission of the publishers.

From the last car of their train that May day in 1902, the bride and bridegroom looked around at the city through which they were passing, Charlotte, N. C.

"Robena," said William Edgar Price, "I like the looks of this town. Someday you and I will move here."

Fortunate it was for the citizens of Charlotte that a honeymoon trip from Harrisonburg, Va., to Charleston, S. C. had to be routed their way. Sure enough, three years later the Prices settled there and Charlotte acquired in "W. E." a young man who was soon to become, and still is, one of its outstanding leaders in business and church life.

An elder for 50 years, he is the best known layman in his denomination (Presbyterian Church in the United States), which honored him in 1949 by electing him Moderator of the General Assembly.

Insurance executive, pioneer in leadership training for church school teachers and superintendents, tither, and courtly Southern gentleman, Mr. Price looks back over a long career in which his formula for successfully mixing business and religion was to believe always that the Lord was on his side.

Having served Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, not only as elder but also as church school superintendent for 45 years, and as bass singer in the choir for 35 years, he now concentrates on being superintendent emeritus, encouraging, stimulating and counseling.

Of Welsh extraction, the name originally was "Espry." W. E. was born grandson of a Presbyterian preacher and son of a farmer at Harrisonburg, Virginia, on April 22, 1877. His Methodist background through his mother got lost when she joined the Presbyterian church with the Prices. Father, mother, four sons and two daughters never missed Sunday school and congregational worship, and at the age of 12, W. E. became a full-fledged church member.

After a business course at Shenandoah College, Dayton, Virginia, W. E. spent two years typesetting, press-running and bookbinding for the United Brethren Publishing House. At the time of his marriage, he was secretary-treasurer and bookkeeper for the Fredericksburg (Va.) Spokes Works.

An ad for a bookkeeper in the Charlotte Observer was the opening that enabled him to move there in 1905. Soon he opened his own insurance office, which today is shared by his son, Reginald Lyne Price. A daughter, Mrs. Robena Marshall Morgan, also lives in Charlotte. There are four grandsons.

W. E.'s youthful interest in religion, caught from his father, took form when the two of them organized a Presbyterian church in Dayton, Virginia. In Fredericksburg, Va. his membership was in First Church, with cannonballs still stuck in the top as reminder of its position in line of fire between the armies of North and South.

Arriving in Charlotte, Mr. Price joined First Church and shortly became assistant superintendent of the church school, a position he held four years. Then he and another elder circulated a petition to organize a church on the east side of the city.

Thus Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church (first called Knox Church) came into existence. To this day it remains the Prices' church home. At once he was elected elder and church school superintendent.

He learned early that a superintendent's biggest problem is keeping a supply of qualified teachers. The answer, he felt certain, lay in a new national movement called "teacher training." He had taken some of the courses himself and he realized it was as essential to know HOW to sell religion as HOW to sell insurance. This was an almost heretical theory to many who believed that the only requirement for a Sunday school teacher was to be consecrated. But if a teacher studied methods, Bible background, and the pupils themselves, wouldn't he acquire ideals, goals and visions that would make him consecrated?

In that belief, Mr. Price organized a training class to meet each Sunday morning at the church school hour. During the 17 years that he kept it going at Caldwell Memorial Church, he trained teachers from 18 to 80 years of age. The complete course of six units took a year and a half. At the end of that time, the trainees would move into church school for practical experience in teaching. The teachers they substituted for would then enter the training class. At the end of the substitution period, the student teachers were ready for regular assignments. The six training units were: (1) child psychology; (2) methods of teaching; (3) teaching values of the Old Testament; (4) teaching values of the New Testament; (5) program of the church; (6) program and administration of the church school.

Superintendent Price himself kept in training by attending city-wide training classes, taking some 25 courses in as many years.

At his urging, the denominational headquarters (Richmond, Va.) added a course for superintendents to its national training-school program at Montreat, N. C. The discouraging response (only five attended) gave him a new idea. Insurance companies held conventions - why not a convention for church school superintendents.

In Richmond his suggestions met with head-shaking: "W. E., you'd never get them there."

Unconvinced, W. E. wrote letters in December, 1936 to 1500 Southern Presbyterian superintendents, suggesting a conference the following July. In April he followed with a definite invitation to come to Montreat in July. Eighty-seven superintendents showed up. So amazed was the Richmond board that it was glad to take over and make the Assembly Superintendents' Conference an annual affair. Now, with W. E. Price as their honorary chairman, between 200 and 250 (almost all men) spend three days each summer discussing problems of improving their church school.

An effort is made each year to reach a new group of superintendents from different synods. These then become leaders to go back and establish similar conferences in their own synods and presbyteries. This whole development is based on Mr. Price's premise that if you have an alert superintendent in your church school, you can get alert teachers.

The goal of church school teaching -- namely, to bring boys and girls to know Christ as Saviour -- has not changed. But, Mr. Price believes, trained teachers today can do their tasks more effectively because of visual aids and other modern techniques that have been developed for teaching the Bible and its application to life.

The present-day superintendent's job goes on all week -- planning for next Sunday, lining up teachers. How does Mr. Price approach a prospective teacher? He may say:

"We have a class of 12-year-old boys and girls who need a teacher. We believe you have the potentialities for making a good teacher. We are not offering you an easy job. Success takes hours of preparation, time and thought. Think it over. Pray about it. If you are willing, try it for six months. At the end of that time, either side can withdraw from the arrangement."

No pressure. No force. There the matter rests for a week or so while the prospect thinks over his obligation to his church and the possibility of rearranging his time schedule to include Sunday school teaching. Mr. Price can't recall that anyone who ever agreed to the six months' trial period stopped at that point. He likes men teachers for boys, men, and couples.

"In avoiding church school teaching, lots of men are missing a great opportunity of building Christian citizenship," Mr. Price points out. "They miss the satisfaction of seeing boys and girls grow in Christian spirit and attitudes." He is grateful to have been able to influence three generations in Caldwell Memorial Church. Some of the church school members of today are grandchildren of his first pupils.

Sharing his interest in religious education through the years has been his wife, the former Robena Cootes of Dayton, Virginia, originally a member of the Disciples of Christ communion. An accomplished musician, she formerly helped her superintendent husband both as church school pianist and as a teacher of teen-age girls.

Today, their son is carrying on the family example in his church by serving as elder and church school superintendent in addition to assuming Boy Scout and YMCA responsibilities.

Of course, there have been disappointments in his career as lay religious educator, Mr. Price admits. "Church workers being human beings, they sometimes let you down. But you keep right on because you know that it is your job to help the Lord with His work." In return, he always felt that the Lord looked out for him, too. "I've never thought I lost anything in business for the time given to church and Sunday school work. If men would give more time to the church, they would find that their business would be better off than they suppose. So, also tithing is easier than they think."

For the young man whose church school honors him by selecting him superintendent, W. E. Price, dean of Southern Presbyterian superintendents, has this advice:

"Take all the leadership training courses you can get. Attend conferences of superintendents, both of your own denomination and interdenominational. Keep abreast of the times. Keep your teachers in training. Knowledge must be added to inspiration."

WILLIAM HENRY BELK

Elder, Financier, Philanthropist

William Henry Belk, founder of one of the greatest department store enterprises in the nation which now operates over three hundred stores under the Belk name, was born in Waxhaw Community, Lancaster County, South Carolina, June 2, 1862. His father, Abel Nelson Washington Belk, was a farmer who was killed by General Sherman's troops in 1865, leaving his wife, the former Sarah Walkup, and three small sons. One of these sons was the future merchant. Another was Dr. John Montgomery Belk, who became a partner in the department store enterprise.

Despite the difficulties of his boyhood years in the Reconstruction era, William H. Belk managed to obtain an excellent education for the place and times. He attended a private school at Sharon, N. C., and graduated from the Monroe High School. Meantime, he had begun his practical experience in the business world. At the age of fourteen he secured a position in B. D. Heath's general store in Monroe. He worked there while finishing his education and afterwards -- a total of twelve years.

At the end of that time, he decided to enter the merchandising field in his own right. He had managed to save $750 out of his small salary, and he borrowed $500 more at the then prevailing interest rate of ten per cent. Renting a building for $25.00 per month, he established the predecessor of the present Belk Brothers Company, at first known as the "New York Racket Store." Within six months' time he repaid his loan and showed a clear profit of over $3,000.

After a short time, he influenced his brother, Dr. John M. Belk, to abandon his medical practice and join him in commercial pursuits. Thus, Belk Brothers, under that name, came into existence in 1891. For 37 years, until Dr. Belk's death in 1928, the two worked happily and effectively together. After his brother's passing, W. H. Belk established the Dr. John M. Belk Memorial Fund, which renders great assistance to the people of a great many smaller communities in helping them to build churches.

As a merchant the young William Henry Belk was an individualist. Carl Goerch, in writing a review of his career, tells us of his distinctive methods of operation:

> "Other storekeepers shook their heads at William Henry Belk's method of operation. Practically all general mercantile establishments of that era sold goods on a time basis. Mr. Belk decided to sell for cash. Not only that, but he saw to it that every piece of merchandise bore a plainly marked price tag. He told his clerks that under no circumstances were they to sell any item at a lower or higher price than the tag called for. This was contrary to the policy of haggling between merchant and customer, which was then a general practice."

In 1893 the Belk Brothers opened their first branch store at Chester, S. C., with Alex Kluttz, a cousin, as manager and part owner. The following year a store was opened in Union, S. C., and 1895 saw the opening of a store in Charlotte. The growth continued and accelerated and today there are over 300 Belk stores in cities from Virginia to Florida and from North Carolina to Texas. Mr. Goerch, whom we have already quoted, has this to say regarding Mr. Belk's policy of decentralizing the management of his enterprises:

> "Had he decided to do so, Mr. Belk probably could have retained sole ownership of all these establishments, but such was not his policy. He took a personal interest in the welfare of everyone who worked with him. When he saw a man who showed special aptitude in merchandising he'd call him in, ask him how he would like to have a store of his own to manage, and then help him to attain this ambition."

> "I doubt whether there ever has been a businessman who enjoyed the whole-hearted loyalty of his co-workers to the extent that William Henry Belk did. Nor do I know of another businessman who deserved this loyalty more. He could have made himself a dictator, but instead of that he was a friend and a kindly leader. He could have many more millions for himself, but he was more interested in helping others establish themselves in business . . ."

Dr. John R. Cunningham, former president of Davidson College, once said of Mr. Belk: "His character is the product of his Christian faith." It is not surprising to find the church a major interest in his life. He was twenty-one years old when he joined the Presbyterian Church. He developed a particular interest in home missions, but his philanthropic spirit has benefited foreign missions as well. He and his brother established a large hospital at Tai-Chow, China, and named it the Sarah Walkup Belk Hospital in honor of their mother.

Mr. Belk was a director of Montreat, Southern Presbyterian assembly grounds, and was one of the devoted supporters of the movement for many years. He and his brother contributed to the support of evangelists sent out to organize churches in the region around Monroe, and ultimately in other areas of the Carolinas and neighboring states. His charities centered chiefly around churches, hospitals and schools. The John M. Belk Memorial Fund has already been mentioned. The establishment of such a charitable foundation was first suggested by Mr. Belk as an aid to the fund originally known as the Synod's Home Mission Building Fund, which was about to discontinue for lack of money. Helped by nearly all the independent Belk stores, the fund had by 1951 assisted in the establishment of 335 churches and manses.

In 1905 Mr. Belk became a member of Synod's Home Missions Committee and remained active in that organization throughout his life. His philanthropies reached beyond the sphere of the church, and assisted many organizations in the medical and educational field. Montreat, the Presbyterian colony, was only one of these. Others were a seven-story building for the Presbyterian Hospital, the Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, N. C., and a large number of schools and colleges of which he was a trustee. He was an honorary life trustee of Presbyterian Junior College, and had been a member of its original board in 1928, serving continuously thereafter. He was a generous contributor to Queens College, and the Belk Chapel on its campus is named in his honor. He and associates erected the W. H. Belk Hall, a dormitory on the campus of Davidson College and a gift toward the Davidson College Development Program.

Mr. Belk received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Davidson College in 1950. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, and of the Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he held the thirty-second degree and was a charter member of Oasis Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Charlotte -- the last surviving charter member of that temple. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Charlotte Country Club. Besides his major business connection, he was an official of various other corporations.

On June 9, 1915, William Henry Belk married Mary Irwin, daughter of John Robinson and Margaret (Henderson) Irwin. They became the parents of the following children: William Henry, Jr.; Sarah Walkup; John Montgomery; Irwin; Henderson and Thomas Milburn.

Mr. Belk's death occurred on February 21, 1952. More than any review of the events of his career, however complete, we can gain an impression of his character from the words of such a man as Dr. Cunningham. The educator commented on the occasion of Mr. Belk's death:

". . . Mr. Belk was a great merchant. A veritable empire of businesses speaks eloquently of his genius and wisdom. He has always been a friend of the poor man. He kept in mind the people of lesser means in the conduct of his business . . . He was a man of noble character. To know him was to discover the deep convictions he felt about moral integrity and personal honor . . ."

The mayor of his city at the time of his death, Victor Shaw, paid the merchant tribute in these words:

"I think Mr. Belk was one of the great citizens of our country . . . His influence on the business, cultural and religious life of this community was profound. His success as a merchant should be an inspiration to all men of ambition."

The Charlotte Observer, in its editorial column, thus pointed out the significance of his career:

"It took a bold spirit to enter business under such circumstances with prospects for none but impoverished customers . . . It takes much more than mere business acumen to arrive at that kind of success. It takes character embedded in the old-fashioned virtues. Mr. Belk had those virtues, but he had also a deep religious feeling, and the two combined to give him a conscience that would not let him rest while there was suffering in the world that he could do anything to alleviate.

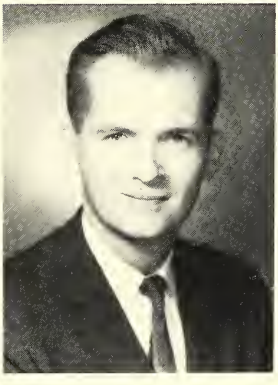
"Quietly and without fanfare he gave of his means to those causes which could strike at the root of social and economic evils and eliminate them at the source. His philanthropies were many and will be remembered long after him.

"But the finest of all his legacies is the example of his own life, full to overflowing with a certain steadfastness that serves as an anchor in a turbulent age."

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE MINISTRY

Reverend David Caldwell Young was the first young man to go out from Caldwell Memorial as a minister of the Gospel. Born in Charlotte February 26, 1894, he graduated from high school in Charlotte in 1911 and from Davidson College in 1915. In 1919 he graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. and was licensed by East Hanover Presbytery in April, 1919. He held pastorates Akron, Alabama; Meridian, Miss.; Charlotte, N. C. (Wilmore Presbyterian Church); Rosemark, Tennessee; Memphis, Tennessee; Festus, Missouri; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Bolivar & Grand Junction, Tennessee Des Arc and Cotton Plant, Arkansas, DeFuniak Springs, Florida. He was Stated Clerk and Central Treasurer of Florida Presbytery for many years.

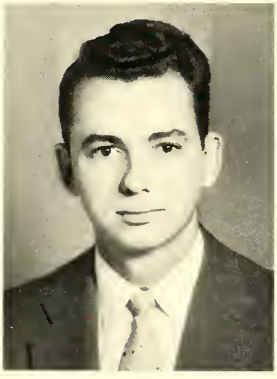
He died in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, December 8, 1958, and was survived by his widow, Mrs. Sara McCain Young and four sons, Dr. David C. Young, Jr., Midland, Michigan; William A. Young, DeFuniak Springs, Florida; Charles B. Young, Montgomery, Alabama; Melvin B. Young, Tallahassee, Florida, and nine grandchildren.



Reverend Stewart Watson Yandle graduated from Central High School in 1944 and joined the Naval Air Corps in September of that year. He served for the duration of World War II. After his discharge he entered Davidson College, graduating in January, 1949. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, in May, 1952. August 18, 1949, he married Miss Bobbie Primm of Charlotte. They have four children - Susan Primm, 11 years; Timothy C., 9 years; David S.; 7 years, and Sally Shannon, 3 years. Rev. Yandle served pastorates at Norwood Presbyterian Church, Norwood, N. C., Commonwealth Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and is presently at Lakeview Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., having been there for two years.

Reverend Robert Keever graduated from Central High School in Charlotte in 1947. In 1951 he graduated from Davidson College and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1955. That same year he went to be Presbyterian University Pastor at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. In the fall of 1959 he entered Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and received the Th. M. degree in 1960. That same year he became pastor of the Immanual Church in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D. C. Early in 1963 Rev. Keever was called to be Presbyterian University pastor at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. "It is on the university campuses that I feel the Christian Church faces its greatest challenge and opportunity, and I count myself fortunate to be associated with this ministry."

June 12,1954, Rev. Keever married Ellen C. Hull of Marion, Virginia. They have three children - Cynthia Douglas, 8 years; Robert Mark, 6 years; and Wythe Hull, 5 years.



Reverend John W. Campbell, Jr. graduated from Central High School, Charlotte, in 1950, and attended King's College, Charlotte, from September, 1950 to August, 1951, finishing with a certificate in junior accounting. He entered Charlotte College in September, 1951, and was called into the U. S. Navy in December, 1951. After serving two years in the Naval Security Office, Washington, D. C., Bill returned to Charlotte College night classes while working with Audio Visual Education of the Charlotte Schools. In September, 1955, he entered Davidson College, graduating in June, 1958. After assisting Dr. A. B. Montgomery at Caldwell Memorial for one year, he entered Union Theological Seminary where he graduated in May, 1962.

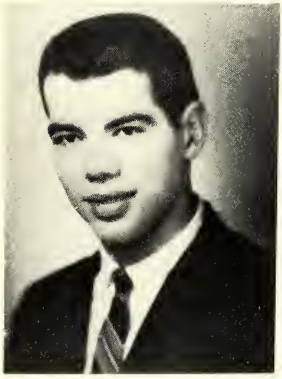
After graduating from the Seminary, he accepted a call to become chaplain of Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, Fisherville, Va. Rev. Campbell was ordained by Lexington Presbytery, Synod of Virginia, September 2,1962.

Seminary field work included Student Chaplain of Medical College of Virginia and Crippled Childrens' Hospital of Virginia, Richmond, Va.; one summer as supply minister for First Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, N. C.; Young People's work at Barton Heights Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.; Masonic Home of Virginia, and one summer with Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.

Reverend Joseph Wyman Sandifer, Jr. graduated from Central High School, Charlotte, in 1953 and from Davidson College in 1957. In 1960 he graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and in 1961 received a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

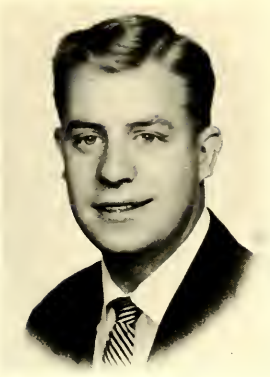
Seminary field work included Student Chaplain at Richmond City Home, Richmond, Va. (a home for indigents); Assistant Pastor for one summer at Second Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Va., assisting a Scottish exchange minister; member of Seminary Evangelistic Team, visiting churches for weekend work with youth fellowships; one summer as Assistant Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Martinsburg, W. Va.; member of Seminary's Church Vocation Team, visiting college and university campuses presenting the need for church vocations. After graduation Rev. Sandifer served as interim student pastor at Blackstone Presbyterian Church, Blackstone, Virginia. During his graduate work at Yale he did supply preaching at Westville Congregational Church, after which he accepted a call as pastor of Blackstone Presbyterian Church, Blackstone, Virginia.

Rev. Sandifer is married to the former Katherine Hooks of Kenly, N. C. They have one son, Joseph McNeil, one year.



Reverend Michael Louis Andrews graduated from Central High School, Charlotte, in 1954, and from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. in 1958. While at Presbyterian College he was a member of the track team, Sigma Nu Fraternity, and was news editor of the school paper, "Blue Stocking." He was also a member of the Student Christian Association Council and the R.O.T.C. Seminary field work included service at Beersheba Presbyterian Church, York, S. C., and the Presbyterian Church at Filbert, S. C. He also served at Camp Stewart, Mecklenburg Presbytery, and was summer assistant at Central Steel Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

After graduating from Columbia Seminary, Rev. Andrews accepted a call as Assistant Pastor, Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, Florida. Recently he accepted a call as Assistant Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Tampa, Florida.



Harley Floyd Carriker, Jr. was born in Charlotte, January 8, 1934. After graduating from Central High School he entered Presbyterian College in the fall of 1953 as a ministerial student. He died November 16, 1956, at the age of 23.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. 12: 1

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14: 13

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano	Alto
Sandra Abernethy	Elise Hood
Tallu Allen	Mary Nan Jackson
Shirley Henry	Judy Rast
Eva Hunter	Grace Strickhouser
Vernelle Little	Olga Young
Alice Poteat	Harriet Otten
Sue Thompson	
Tenor	**Bass**
	Joe Henry
S. E. Ashcraft	David Hunter
Max Baker	Charles Poteat
R. Hollon Byrd, Jr.	Jasper Riley
Lesel Rast	Al Scott
Danny Strickhouser	Dale Wall

Only two members of the original Knox Presbyterian Church choir survive - Mrs. Bonnie Austin Petteway and Mr. W. E. Price.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

SESSION

CLERK OF SESSION - R. V. MASON

S. E. Ashcraft, H. F. Carriker, J. R. Craven, C. R. Crumley, E. W. Flowers, S. J. Harris, J. W. Houston, W. R. Little, K. C. Miller, C. E. Morris, M. A. Pearce, W. E. Price, M. R. Ritch, R. V. Mason

Class of 1964	Class of 1965	Class of 1966	Class of 1967	Class of 1968
R. F. Hoover	C. W. Burns	W. C. Abernethy	R. H. Byrd	J. O. Boyte
E. J. Lyerly	H. L. Graham	R. H. Adkins	G. C. Hill	P. H. Cooper
H. E. Lester	A. G. Locklair	J. W. Henderson	H. J. Rumple	R. H. Crockford
J. M. McGill	R. P. McCorkle	F. R. Thies	J. W. Sandifer	L. N. Hood
A. W. Porter	A. H. Scott	H. E. Thomason	F. G. Stephens	L. E. McGinn
H. Y. Westmoreland	J. T. Whitted	J. M. Yandle	R. K. Walker	J. J. Riley

DIACONATE

Class of 1964		Class of 1965	Class of 1966	Class of 1967
D. M. Allen	W. E. Ranson	W. E. Black	J. V. Andrews	M. N. Ballard, Jr.
R. H. Crockford, Jr.	H. L. Rast, Jr.	A. W. Burt	J. M. Corbett	J. C. Barefoot
C. H. Flora	J. R. Ross	R. E. Heffner	C. C. Miller	J. E. Carriker
H. M. Hawkins	W. J. Thrift	C. W. Poteat	M. R. Ritch, Jr.	J. R. Clark
Geo. B. Kenyon	J. L. Wright	H. L. Rast	W. F. Strickhouser	C. G. Horne
C. H. Newbold		W. F. Sample	G. M. Wright, Jr.	M. M. Sistare

DIACONATE OFFICERS - Chairman - C. H. Newbold; Vice-Chairman - J. R. Clark; Secretary - R. H. Crockford, Jr.; Current Expense Treasurer - H. L. Rast, Jr.; Benevolence Treasurer - H. L. Rast

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE - Chairman - J. R. Ross; J. M. Corbett, H. L. Rast

FINANCE & BUDGET - Chairman - R. E. Heffner; Vice Chairman - J. R. Clark; C. H. Newbold, H. L. Rast, Jr.; M. M. Sistare, C. C. Miller, H. L. Rast

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS - Chairman - M. M. Sistare; J. V. Andrews, G. B. Kenyon, W. F. Strickhouser, D. M. Allen, C. G. Horne

USHERING - Chairman - W. F. Strickhouser, Jas. E. Carriker

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE - Chairman - C. H. Flora; A. W. Burt, J. L. Wright, M. R. Ritch, Jr.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

PLANNING - R. V. Mason, C. H. Newbold, Mrs. C. W. Burns, A. H. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Burt, W. R. Little, J. T. Whitted

LONG RANGE PLANNING - R. V. Mason, C. H. Newbold, J. R. Ross, R. E. Heffner, K. C. Miller, W. E. Price, Mrs. C. W. Burns

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - W. E. Price, R. H. Adkins, J. J. Riley, P. H. Cooper, J. R. Craven, J. O. Boyte, A. W. Porter, A. H. Scott, Mrs. C. L. Brown

COVENANT LIFE PLANNING - P. H. Cooper, H. L. Graham, J. O. Boyte, J. J. Riley, R. V. Mason, H. E. Thomason, Mrs. J. R. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Henderson

SPIRITUAL CARE - C. W. Burns, L. N. Hood, M. N. Ballard, Jr., Mrs. H. J. Rumple, Elders and Deacons

STEWARDSHIP - K. C. Miller, F. R. Thies, R. E. Heffner, M. M. Sistare, E. W. Flowers

PROGRAM PRESENTATION & DEVELOPMENT - W. R. Little, J. T. Whitted, R. F. Hoover, A. G. Locklair, J. M. Yandle, H. E. Thomason

WORSHIP - E. J. Lyerly, J. W. Henderson, S. E. Ashcraft, R. K. Walker, W. E. Price, W. F. Strickhouser, C. E. Morris

NOMINATIONS - H. E. Lester, W. C. Abernethy, R. V. Mason, A. H. Scott, J. L. Wright, C. H. Newbold, Mrs. C. W. Burns

It is certainly not our intent to boast of past accomplishments. Rather we, paraphrasing the words of the Apostle Paul, would say, "We have planted, others watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase." (I Cor. 3: 6-7)

We would be remiss if we did not pay tribute to those faithful members and leaders who have passed on to their eternal reward. They laid the foundation well. Many gave liberally of their time and resources. As we look around us, we shall always be reminded of their labor of love.

"His lord said unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'" (Matt. 25: 23)

As we bring this chapter of history to an end, we thank God for the privilege of being used by Him in the past. As we look to the future, our prayer is that His guiding hand may ever be before us; that His Holy Spirit may always be with us; and that His love may so reflect in our lives that others will be drawn to Him.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH HISTORY

Chairman . . . . R. Hollon Byrd, Jr.

W. E. Price
Jack O. Boyte
Mrs. J. Bryan Rudisill
Mrs. Bonnie Austin Petteway